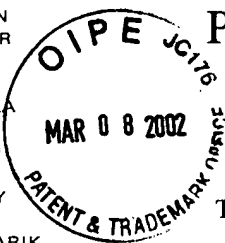


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OF CORRECTION

Re: U.S. Patent No. 6,287,704 Issued September 11, 2001

Title: CHROMIUM (VI)-FREE CONVERSION LAYER AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING IT

Inventors: Patricia Preikschat, et al.

Our Docket: 31716

Sir:

A Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. 254 is hereby requested to correct Patent Office printing errors in the above-identified patent. Enclosed herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction (Form No. PTO-1050) for consideration.

It is requested that the Certificate of Correction be completed and mailed at an early date to the undersigned attorney of record.

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On the Cover Page, Section (54), delete "CHROMATE-FREE CONVERSION LAYER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME" and insert therefore -CHROMIUM(VI)-FREE CONVERSION LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT-.

On the Cover Page, Section (30), delete "196 15 664" and insert therefor -196 15 664.5-.

On the Cover Page, Section (56) (Other Publications), second reference, line 2, after "London, GB;" insert -Class E31,-.

Column 1, delete lines 1, 2 & 3 and insert therefor -CHROMIUM(VI)-FREE CONVERSION LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT-.

Column 2, line 22, delete "1.5.µm" and insert therefor -1.5 µm-.

Column 3, line 2, delete "protection>100" and insert therefor -protection > 100-.

Column 3, line 58, after "FIG. 4" insert -,.

Column 4, line 57, delete "layer>1%" and insert therefor -layer > 1%-.

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Column 7, line 18, before "Chromium (III)" begin a new paragraph.

Column 7, line 51, delete " $\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ " and insert therefor $-\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6 \text{H}_2\text{O}-$.

Column 8, line 42, delete " K_1 " and insert therefor $-k_1-$.

Column 8, line 48, delete " $\text{Zn}^{2+} + x\text{Cr}^{(\text{III})} + y\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ZnCr}_x\text{O}_y + 2y \text{H}^+$ " and insert therefor $-\text{Zn}^{2+} + x\text{Cr}^{(\text{III})} + y\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ZnCr}_x\text{O}_y + 2y \text{H}^+-$.

Column 8, line 51, delete " $\text{H}^+, \text{Cr}^{(\text{III})}$ " and insert therefor $-\text{H}^+, \text{Cr}^{(\text{III})}-$.

Column 8, line 54, delete " $1/(1+p_1 \cdot m_{\text{ZnCrO}})^2$ " and insert therefor $-1/(1+p_1 \cdot m_{\text{ZnCrO}})^2-$.

Column 8, line 59, delete " $k_1 \times c_H + / a + p_1 \times m_{\text{ZnCrO}})^2 -$ " and insert therefor $-k_1 \times c_H + / (1 + p_1 \times m_{\text{ZnCrO}})^2-$.

Column 8, line 60, before " k_2 " insert $---$.

Column 8, line 60, after " $x \tanh(p_2 \times m_{\text{ZnCrO}})$ " delete $- + -$.

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Column 8, line 61, before " k_T " insert $-+-$.

Column 8, line 62, delete " a " and insert therefor $-(1-$.

Column 8, line 62, after " $p_1 \times m_{ZnCrO}$)²" delete $- + -$.

Column 8, line 63, before " $2yk_2$ " insert $-+-$.

Column 8, line 63, delete " $x \ 3_{H+}$ " and insert therefor $-xc_H + -$.

Column 8, line 63, after " $x \tanh(p_2 \times m_{ZnCrO})$ " delete $-+-$.

Column 9, line 2, before " k_T " insert $-+-$.

Column 9, line 4, after " $x \tanh(p_2 \times m_{ZnCrO})$ " delete $- + -$.

Column 9, line 6, before " k_T " insert $-+-$.

Column 9, line 6, delete second occurrence of " $- c_{Cr}^{(III)}$ "

Column 9, line 12, delete " $\tan h(p_2 \cdot m_{ZnCrO})$ " and insert therefor $-\tanh(p_2 \cdot m_{ZnCrO})-$.

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Column 9, line 13, after "reaction II" insert $-, -$.

Column 9, line 14, delete "tan h" and insert therefor $-\tanh-$.

Column 9, line 29, delete "kj" and insert therefor $-kj-$.

Column 10, line 60, delete " $\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6$ " and insert therefor $-\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6-$.

Column 11, line 12, delete " $\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6$ " and insert therefor $-\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6-$.

Column 12, line 2, delete "60 s." and insert therefor $-60s.-$.

Column 12, line 17, delete "60 s." and insert therefor $-60s.-$.

Column 12, line 37-38, delete "chromium (VI)" and insert therefor $-\text{chromium(VI)}-$.

Column 13, line 12, delete "0.00" and insert therefor ".00".

Column 15, line 28, after "O" insert $-, -$.

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Column 9,

Lines 2 and 6, before " k_T " insert -- + --.
Line 4, after " $x \tanh(p_2 \times m_{ZnCrO})$ " delete "+".
Line 6, delete second occurrence of " $-c_{Cr}^{(III)}$ ".
Line 12, delete " $\tan h(p_2 \cdot m_{ZnCrO})$ " and insert therefor -- $\tanh(p_2 \cdot m_{ZnCrO})$ --.
Line 13, after "reaction II" insert -- , --.
Line 14, delete " $\tan h$ " and insert therefor -- \tanh --.
Line 29, delete " k_j " and insert therefor -- k_j --.

Column 10,

Line 60, delete " $CrCl_3.6$ " and insert therefor -- $CrCl_3 \cdot 6$ --.

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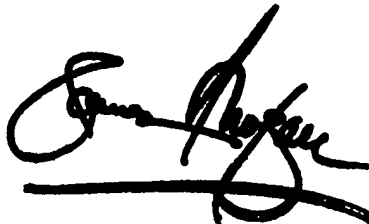
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Title page, Item [54] and Column 1, lines 1-3,

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Item [56], OTHER PUBLICATIONS, second reference, after "London, GB;" insert -- Class E31, --.

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Line 60, before "k₂" insert -- - --.

Lines 60, after " $x \tanh(p_2 \times m_{\text{ZnCrO}})$ " delete "+".

Line 61, before "k_T" insert -- + --.

Line 62, delete "a" and insert therefor -- (1 --.

Line 62, after " $p_1 \times m_{\text{ZnCrO}})^2$ " delete "+".

Line 63, before "2yk₂" insert -- + --.

Line 63, delete " $x \text{ 3H}_+$ " and insert therefor -- $x c_{\text{H}} +$ --.

Line 63, after " $x \tanh(p_2 \times m_{\text{ZnCrO}})$ " delete "+".